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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SSOD: DIET RESOLUTION, GOJ PREPARATION

1. DIET RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY LOWER HOUSE MAY 23 AND UPPER HOUSE MAY 24. RESOLUTION, FOR PRESENTATION TO SSOD, APPEALS TO UN MEMBER NATIONS TO IMPOSE STRICT PROHIBITION ON NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS. IT ALSO CALLS UPON GOJ TO STRIVE FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF "DENUCLEARIZED ZONE." LATTER IDEA REPORTEDLY WAS PUT FORWARD BY JSP AND KOMEITO DESPITE MISGIVINGS EXPRESSED BY LDP.

2. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION, LIKE LARGE NGO DELEGATION TO SSOD AND MASSIVE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN WHICH PRECEDED IT, ATTESTS TO CONTINUING STRENGTH OF ANTI-NUCLEAR SENTIMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. SSOD IS RECEIVING HEAVY MEDIA ATTENTION, WHICH WILL PEAK WITH MAY 30 ADDRESS BY FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA.

3. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY SEVERAL OFFICERS IN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY THAT SONODA SPEECH, DRAFTED PRIMARILY BY DISARMAMENT DIVISION HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH CARE BY OTHER CONCERNED DIVISIONS TO INSURE THAT IT CONTAINS NOTHING INIMICAL TO U.S. STRATEGIC CONCERNS AS UNDERSTOOD HERE OR TO U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY INTERESTS IN THIS REGION, AND THAT IT IS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEWS.

4. SONODA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO NEW YORK BY DEPUTY MINISTER TAKASHIMA; DIRGEN OKAWA, ORIGINALLY SLATED TO GO ALONG, WILL STAY BEHIND TO INTRODUCE INTO DIET FOR RATIFICATION TWO HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS WHICH SONODA WILL SIGN AT U.N. MAY 30. WHILE THERE IS NO CHANCE OF EARLY RATIFICATION, VICE MINISTER ARITA HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT CLEARANCE THROUGH INTERESTED GOJ AGENCIES REPRESENTS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT. MANSFIELD

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